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## COMMUNITY DONATES OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FOOD FOR FIRE VICTIMS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

Richland, WA-Local agencies and fire emergency responders express their appreciation for contributions from the Benton County community for victims of the Hanford wildfire, fire personnel and emergency workers. The outpouring of food, beverages and supplies has been overwhelming. The American Red Cross, fire command posts and Benton City Fire Station all report an abundance of supplies.

Because of the quantities donated and limited storage, agencies ask that people withhold other food donations at this time. People with extra, non-perishable food items may take them to the Tri-Cities food banks at 331 Wellsian Way in Richland or 1505 West Kennewick Avenue in Kennewick for distribution to others in need.